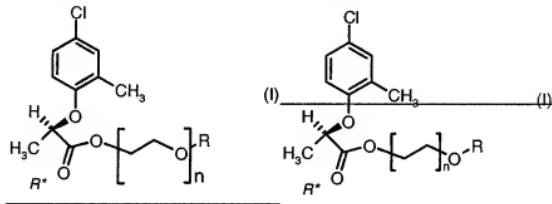


Amendments to the Claims:

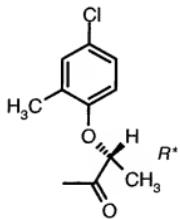
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Enantiomerically enriched R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)-propionic acid polyethylene glycol esters of the general formula (I) and mixtures thereof any of their mixtures with one another,



where

R represents H or a radical of the formula



and

n represents an integer between 1 and 20 and

R* denotes the R configuration of the chiral carbon atom.

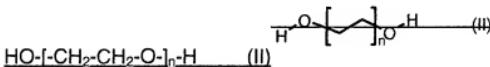
2. (Currently Amended) The Enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters and mixtures thereof compounds as claimed in according to claim 1 or their

mixtures with one another, wherein, in formula (I), n is an integer between 2 and 10.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of ~~an~~^{the} enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters and mixtures thereof ~~R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)propionic acid polyethylene glycol ester of the general formula (I) or mixtures thereof with one another as claimed in according to claim 1, characterized in that comprising:~~

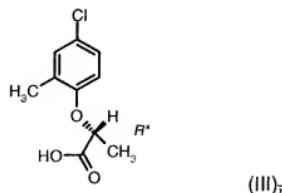
reacting with heating at least one polyethylene glycol of the general formula (II)



where

n represents a number between 1 and 20

~~is heated together with an enantiomerically enriched R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)propionic acid of the formula (III)~~



~~if appropriate in the presence of one or more catalysts and the water of reaction formed is distilled off.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A process for The use of enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters of R-(+)-2-(4-chloro-2-methylphenoxy)propionic acid of the general formula (I) as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3 for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
applying the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2 to said industrial materials.

6. (Currently Amended) The use as claimed in process according to claim 5, wherein the industrial materials are buildings, building materials and building auxiliaries.

7. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:
the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof compounds of the formula (I) as claimed in at least one of according to claims 1 or 2 to 3; and
at least one solvent and/or diluent and, if appropriate, further processing auxiliaries, fillers and additives.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, ~~which comprises~~comprising:
applying the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof compounds of the formula (I) as claimed in at least one of according to claims 1 or 2 to 3 being either applied directly to the industrial materials to be protected, or mixed therewith, or the industrial material being treated with a composition as claimed in claim 7.

9. (Currently Amended) An industrial material comprising the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof compound of the formula (I) as claimed in at least one of according to claims 1 or 2 to 3.

10. (Currently Amended) A process for The use of a composition as claimed in claim 7 for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
applying the composition according to claim 7 to said industrial materials.
11. (NEW) The process according to claim 4, further comprising performing the reacting step in the presence of one or more catalysts and wherein water formed from the reacting is distilled off.
12. (NEW) The composition according to claim 7, further comprising:
processing auxiliaries, fillers and/or additives.
13. (NEW) A method for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
mixing the enantiomerically enriched polyethylene glycol esters or mixtures thereof according to claims 1 or 2 with the industrial material.
14. (NEW) A process for the protection of industrial materials against root penetration thereinto and therethrough, comprising:
mixing the composition according to claim 7 with said industrial materials.